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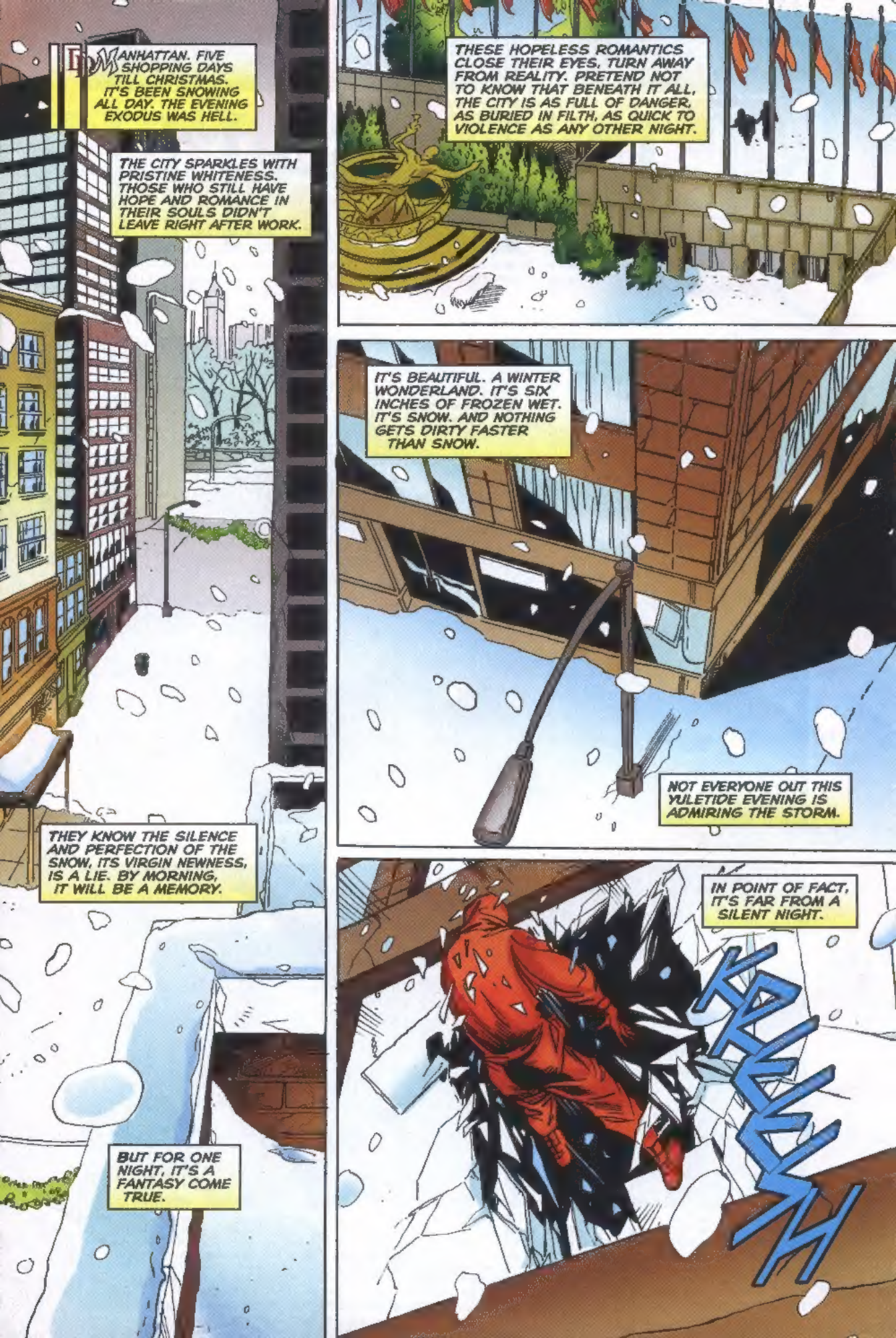
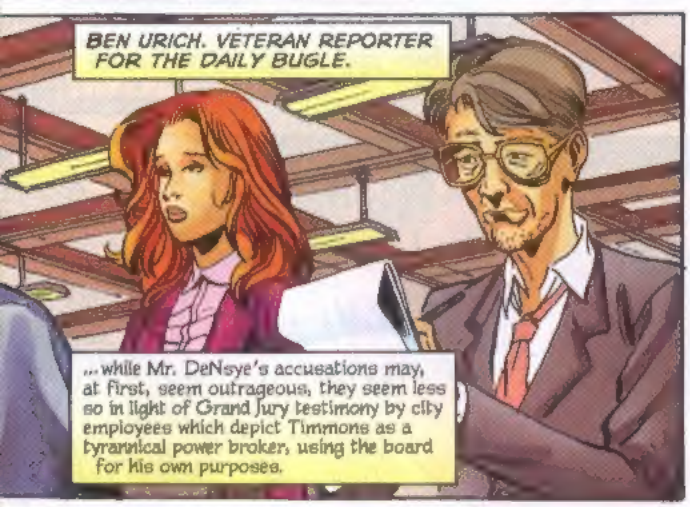

MANHATTAN. FIVE SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS. IT'S BEEN SNOWING ALL DAY. THE EVENING EXODUS WAS HELL.
THE CITY SPARKLES WITH PRISTINE WHITENESS. THOSE WHO STILL HAVE HOPE AND ROMANCE IN THEIR SOULS DIDN'T LEAVE RIGHT AFTER WORK.
THESE HOPELESS ROMANTICS CLOSE THEIR EYES, TURN AWAY FROM REALITY. PRETEND NOT TO KNOW THAT BENEATH IT ALL, THE CITY IS AS FULL OF DANGER, AS BURIED IN FILTH, AS QUICK TO VIOLENCE AS ANY OTHER NIGHT.
IT'S BEAUTIFUL. A WINTER WONDERLAND. IT'S SIX INCHES OF FROZEN WET. IT'S SNOW. AND NOTHING GETS DIRTY FASTER THAN SNOW.
NOT EVERYONE OUT THIS YULETIDE EVENING IS ADMIRING THE STORM.
THEY KNOW THE SILENCE AND PERFECTION OF THE SNOW, ITS VIRGIN NEWNESS, IS A LIE. BY MORNING, IT WILL BE A MEMORY.
BUT FOR ONE NIGHT, IT'S A FANTASY COME TRUE.
IN POINT OF FACT, IT'S FAR FROM A SILENT NIGHT.
KRUNCH

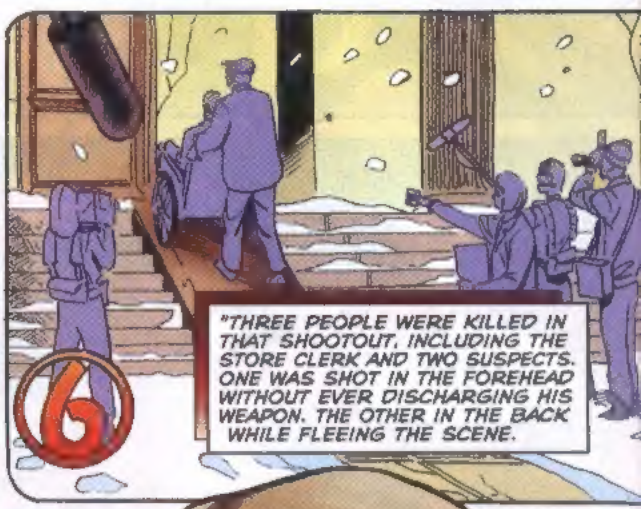
IT'S THE ONE TIME OF YEAR WHEN WE ALL STRIVE TO BELIEVE HUMANITY IS WHAT WE KNOW IT SHOULD BE.
FOR DAREDEVIL, SO OFTEN CALLED THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR, THAT'S EASIER SAID THAN DONE.
DAREDEVIL! I WONDERED IF YOU WOULD APPEAR. I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU WOULD CONTINUE TO PLAGUE ME.
PARTICULARLY, TONIGHT.
LISTEN, PAL, WHEN HAND ASSASSINS HAVE BECOME COMMON THIEVES, I'M THE LEAST OF YOUR WORRIES.

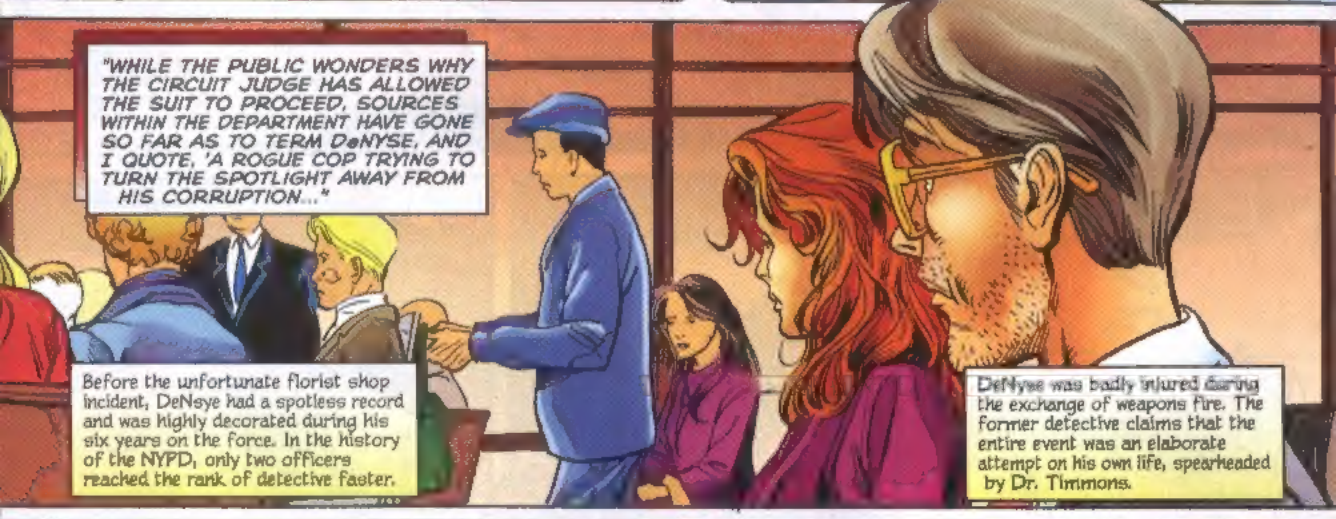
THAMP
DO NOT SPEAK OF THE ACCURSED HAND! THEY ARE NOTHING BUT TAINTED MERCENARIES.
WE ARE MAKOTO, OUR EVERY ACTION GUIDED BY A SINGLE PURPOSE!
I SENSE SOME BITTERNESS THERE, FRIEND. KICK YOU OUT OF THE CLUBHOUSE, DID THEY?
THAK
THEY QUESTIONED OUR HONOR. THEY DEMANDED SEPPUKU*... HOW DARE THEY...
LOOKS LIKE I STRUCK A NERVE.
BUNT
WHUK
IT WAS YOU, DAREDEVIL. YOU AND THAT GREEK WITCH, ELEKTRA. WE COULD NOT KILL YOU...
DON'T EXPECT ME TO APOLOGIZE FOR NOT DYING.
I NEVER SAID YOU WEREN'T GOING TO DIE.
THAPP

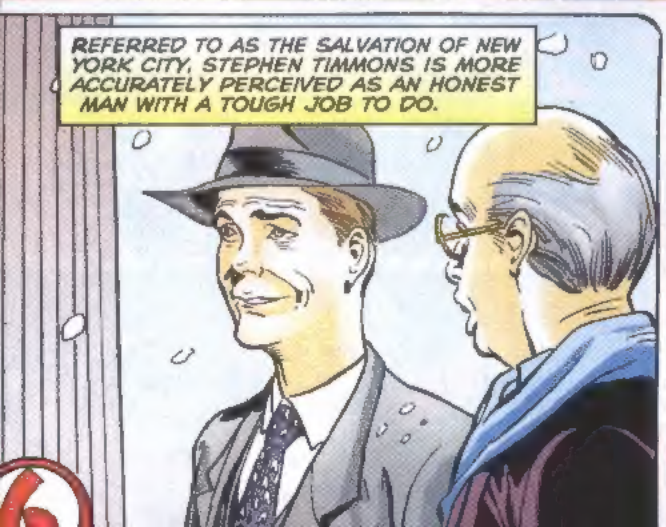
DAREDEVIL HAS BEEN BLIND SINCE CHILDHOOD, WHEN A BURST OF INSTINCTIVE COURAGE LED HIM TO SACRIFICE HIS SIGHT FOR A MAN HE HAD NEVER MET...
...A MAN WHO HAD STEPPED IN FRONT OF A TRUCK CARRYING RADIO-ACTIVE CANISTERS. THE LEAKING CANISTERS FROM THAT ACCIDENT ALSO GAVE HIM ENHANCED SENSES, AND A 360 DEGREE RADAR.
HE KNOWS HIS ATTACKERS ARE COMING. BUT THE SPEED AT WHICH THEY CROSS THE ROOM SEEMS ALMOST SUPERNATURAL.
OUFFF!
YOU WERE FOOLISH TO UNDERESTIMATE US, MURDOCK.
NEXT TIME, HE'LL BE BETTER PREPARED.
IF THERE IS A NEXT TIME.
KRASHH
LOOKS LIKE Mr. SITOSHI OWES ME ONE.
THEN AGAIN, MAYBE NOT.

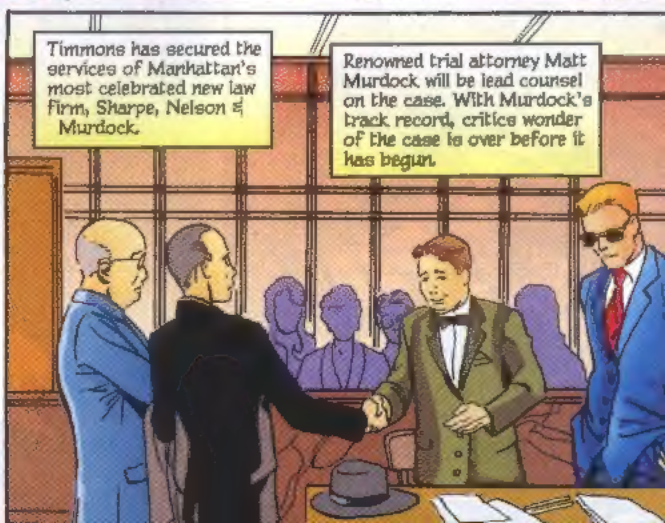
THIS IS CHRISTINA AVERY, REPORTING LIVE FROM THE MANHATTAN COURTHOUSE. THE CIVIL SUIT FILED AGAINST TRAILBLAZING CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD DIRECTOR, STEPHEN TIMMONS, BY NEW YORK CITY DETECTIVE, PETER DeNYSE, IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.
AFTER THE WELL-PUBLICIZED INCIDENT IN WHICH DeNYSE'S RECKLESSNESS TURNED ROBBERY INTO A SHOOTOUT, POLICE OFFICIALS HAVE DISTANCED THEMSELVES FROM THE FORMER DETECTIVE.


BEN URICH. VETERAN REPORTER FOR THE DAILY BUGLE.
...while Mr. DeNsye's accusations may, at first, seem outrageous, they seem less so in light of Grand Jury testimony by city employees which depict Timmons as a tyrannical power broker, using the board for his own purposes.

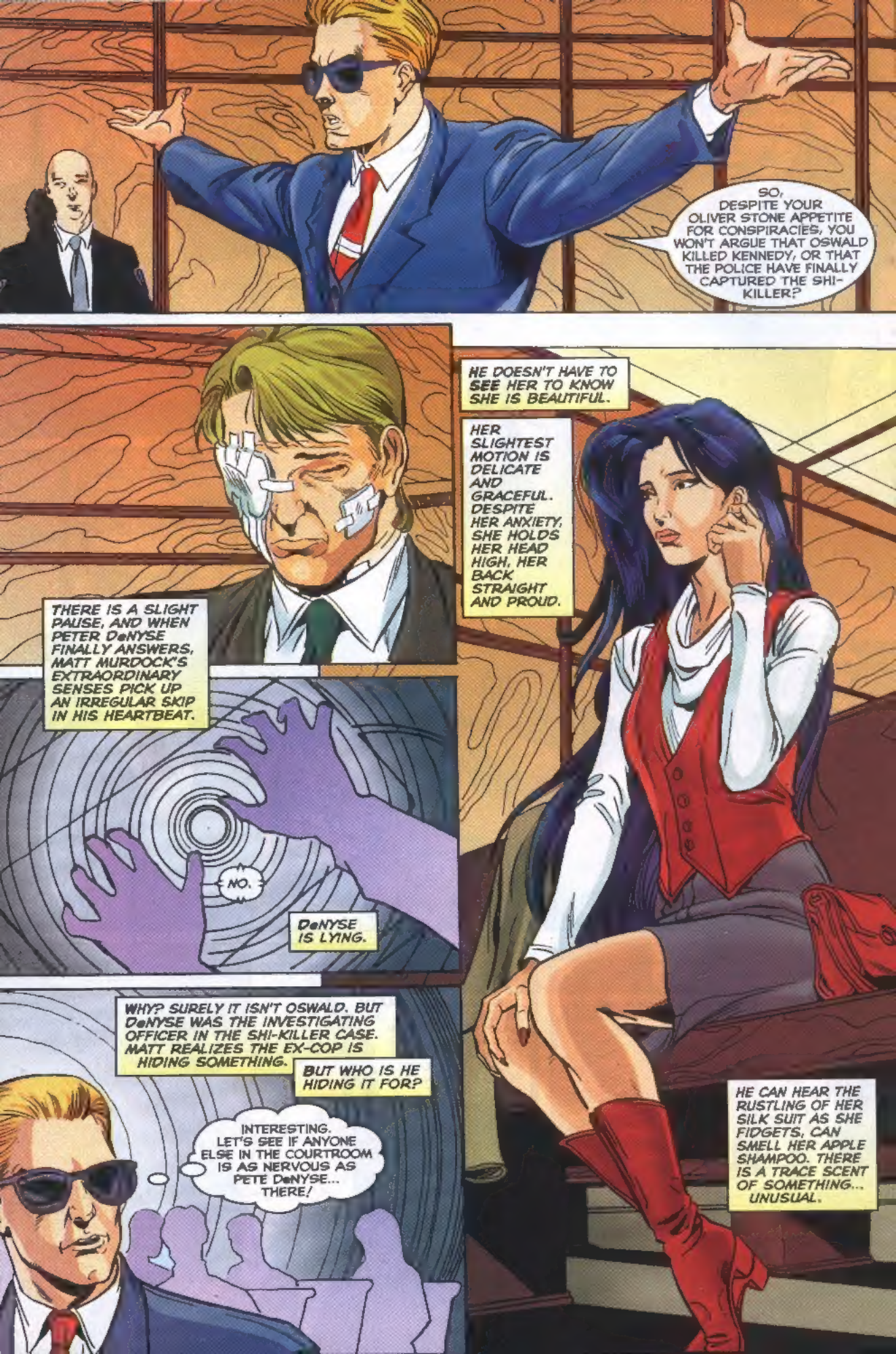

"THREE PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN THAT SHOOTOUT, INCLUDING THE STORE CLERK AND TWO SUSPECTS. ONE WAS SHOT IN THE FOREHEAD WITHOUT EVER DISCHARGING HIS WEAPON. THE OTHER IN THE BACK WHILE FLEEING THE SCENE.

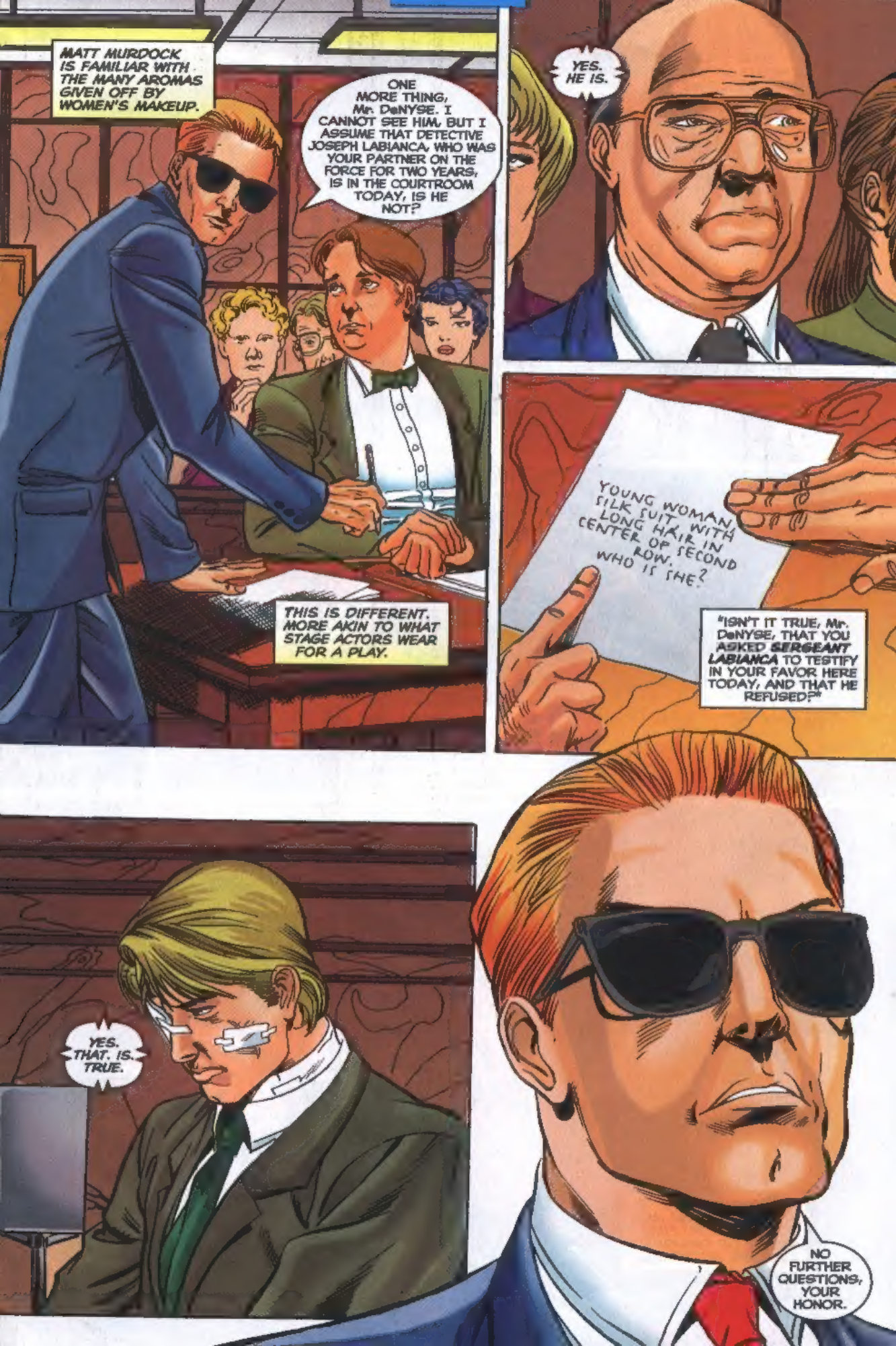

"WHILE THE PUBLIC WONDERS WHY THE CIRCUIT JUDGE HAS ALLOWED THE SUIT TO PROCEED, SOURCES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT HAVE GONE SO FAR AS TO TERM DeNYSE, AND I QUOTE, 'A ROGUE COP TRYING TO TURN THE SPOTLIGHT AWAY FROM HIS CORRUPTION...'"
Before the unfortunate florist shop incident, DeNsye had a spotless record and was highly decorated during his six years on the force. In the history of the NYPD, only two officers reached the rank of detective faster.
DeNyse was badly injured during the exchange of weapons fire. The former detective claims that the entire event was an elaborate attempt on his own life, spearheaded by Dr. Timmons.


REFERRED TO AS THE SALVATION OF NEW YORK CITY, STEPHEN TIMMONS IS MORE ACCURATELY PERCEIVED AS AN HONEST MAN WITH A TOUGH JOB TO DO.


Timmons has secured the services of Manhattan's most celebrated new law firm, Sharpe, Nelson & Murdock.
Renowned trial attorney Matt Murdock will be lead counsel on the case. With Murdock's track record, critics wonder if the case is over before it has begun.

...ISN'T IT TRUE THAT YOU ARE ATTEMPTING TO UNDERMINE THE CRIMINAL CASE PENDING AGAINST YOU, BY MAKING THESE OUTRAGEOUS CLAIMS AGAINST MY CLIENT?
ISN'T IT TRUE, Mr. DeNYSE, THAT WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR MOST OUTRAGEOUS CHARGE, THAT OF Dr.TIMMONS SPEARHEADING A CONSPIRACY TO ASSASSINATE POLICE OFFICERS, INCLUDING YOURSELF, YOU HAVE NO REAL EVIDENCE, WHATSOEVER?
NO. WE. HAVE. PLENTY. OF. TESTIMONY. TO. IMPLICATE.
TAKTEKTAK
I SUPPOSE NEXT YOU'LL BRING IN WITNESSES WILLING TO TESTIFY THAT MY CLIENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LONDON'S RIPPER MURDERS, OR THE RECENT SO-CALLED "SHI-KILLINGS", OR THAT HE WAS SEEN ON THE GRASSY KNOLL?
YOU'RE. JUSK.<CLICK> JUST. ANOTHER. PUPPET. AREN'T YOU?
"IN FACT, MR. DENYSE, ISN'T IT TRUE THAT NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRIED TO CONNECT MY CLIENT TO THIS WILD CONSPIRACY THEORY OF YOURS, YOU HAVE YET TO SHOW ANY WRONGDOING ON HIS PART, ASIDE FROM INACCURATELY FILING CERTAIN TAX FORMS?"


SO, DESPITE YOUR OLIVER STONE APPETITE FOR CONSPIRACIES, YOU WON'T ARGUE THAT OSWALD KILLED KENNEDY, OR THAT THE POLICE HAVE FINALLY CAPTURED THE SHI-KILLER?
HE DOESN'T HAVE TO SEE HER TO KNOW SHE IS BEAUTIFUL.
HER SLIGHTEST MOTION IS DELICATE AND GRACEFUL. DESPITE HER ANXIETY, SHE HOLDS HER HEAD HIGH, HER BACK STRAIGHT AND PROUD.
THERE IS A SLIGHT PAUSE, AND WHEN PETER DeNYSE FINALLY ANSWERS, MATT MURDOCK'S EXTRAORDINARY SENSES PICK UP AN IRREGULAR SKIP IN HIS HEARTBEAT.
NO.
DeNYSE IS LYING.
HE CAN HEAR THE RUSTLING OF HER SILK SUIT AS SHE FIDGETS, CAN SMELL HER APPLE SHAMPOO. THERE IS A TRACE SCENT OF SOMETHING... UNUSUAL.
WHY? SURELY IT ISN'T OSWALD. BUT DeNYSE WAS THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER IN THE SHI-KILLER CASE. MATT REALIZES THE EX-COP IS HIDING SOMETHING.
BUT WHO IS HE HIDING IT FOR?
INTERESTING. LET'S SEE IF ANYONE ELSE IN THE COURTROOM IS AS NERVOUS AS PETE DeNYSE... THERE!


MATT MURDOCK IS FAMILIAR WITH THE MANY AROMAS GIVEN OFF BY WOMEN'S MAKEUP.
ONE MORE THING, Mr. DeNYSE. I CANNOT SEE HIM, BUT I ASSUME THAT DETECTIVE JOSEPH LABIANCA, WHO WAS YOUR PARTNER ON THE FORCE FOR TWO YEARS, IS IN THE COURTROOM TODAY, IS HE NOT?
THIS IS DIFFERENT. MORE AKIN TO WHAT STAGE ACTORS WEAR FOR A PLAY.
YES. HE IS.
YOUNG WOMAN SILK SUIT WITH LONG HAIR IN CENTER OF SECOND ROW. WHO IS SHE?
"ISN'T IT TRUE, Mr. DeNYSE, THAT YOU ASKED SERGEANT LABIANCA TO TESTIFY IN YOUR FAVOR HERE TODAY, AND THAT HE REFUSED?"
YES. THAT. IS. TRUE.
NO FURTHER QUESTIONS, YOUR HONOR.

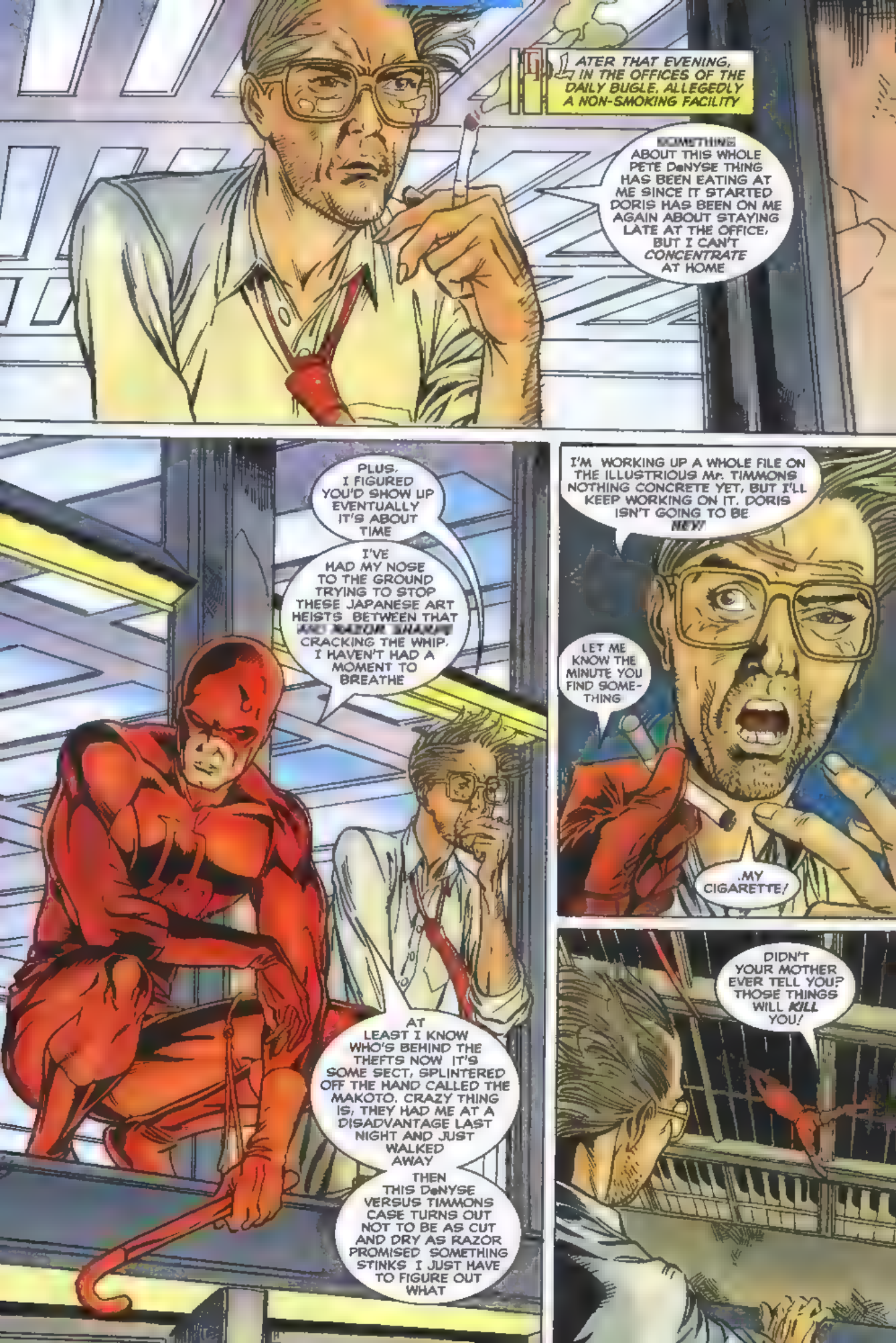
FOREST HILLS, NEW YORK. THE ESTATE OF Dr. STEPHEN TIMMONS. ITS HIGH STONE WALLS MAKE IT AS INHOSPITABLE AS THE WEATHER.
THE NIGHT IS BITTERLY COLD. AS SHE KNIFES THROUGH THE DARKNESS, SO IS THE HEART OF ANA ISHIKAWA.
SHE IS PREPARED FOR WHATEVER DANGER SHE MIGHT ENCOUNTER. YET THE TURMOIL IN HER LIFE HAS LEFT HER SPIRITUALLY VULNERABLE, HESITANT AND UNSURE.
HER SOUL IS HEAVY WITH GUILT. FOR THOUGH IT WAS TIMMONS WHO TORE DOWN PETE D@NYSE'S LIFE, PETE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN A TARGET BUT FOR ANA'S ACTIONS.
AS SOME MEASURE OF ATONEMENT, ANA HAS COME HERE TO FIND PROOF OF TIMMONS' CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES.

DRAFTED INTO A WAR THAT BEGAN CENTURIES BEFORE HER BIRTH, ANA WAS THE NOTORIOUS SHI-KILLER. FOR THE MURDER OF HER FATHER AND BROTHER, SHE EMBARKED ON A BLOODY VENDETTA.
HER VENDETTA IS OVER. BUT THE BLOOD ON HER HANDS STAINS HER HEART.
SHE HAS NOTHING LEFT TO BELIEVE IN. NOT GOD. NOT HONOR. MOST CERTAINLY NOT HERSELF.
INTO THE VOID, SHE PRAYS FOR DELIVERANCE.
AND THE DEVIL ANSWERS.
I DON'T SEE ANY REINDEER, SO YOU CAN'T BE SANTA CLAUS.

HUMOR IS ILL-PLACED FROM ONE WHO WEARS THE GUISE OF THE DEVIL.

ANA IS OF THE KYOTO SOHEI, DESCENDANT FROM THE WARRIOR MONKS OF MOUNT HIEI. SHE HAS SPENT HER LIFE MASTERING THE ART OF COMBAT.
NEVER, IN ALL THAT TIME, HAS SHE MET AN OPPONENT LIKE THIS ONE
THE DEVIL-MAN SEEMS TO KNOW WHERE SHE WILL STRIKE EVEN BEFORE SHE HAS LAUNCHED A BLOW. IT IS AS THOUGH HE SEES HER, EVEN WHEN HIS EYES CAN NOT.
HOW CAN YOU EVADE ME SO? DO YOU READ MY MIND, DEVIL?
DAREDEVIL, ACTUALLY AND NO, I DON'T READ MINDS, OR PALMS BUT I CAN SEE THE FUTURE
"AND I PREDICT A SWIFT END TO THIS CONFLICT."
QUICKLY, ANA REALIZES THAT THERE MAY BE TRUTH TO HER CRIMSON-GARBED OPPONENT'S WORDS.
SHE REFUSES TO YIELD. TIMMONS MUST PAY FOR HIS PREDATIONS.

WHAT? RUN THAT BY ME AGAIN? YOU'RE NOT WORKING FOR TIMMONS?
OVER THERE! CUT 'EM DOWN!
RRAKKABUDDABRRAKKABUDDABRRAKKABU
WHEEOOOWHEEOOOWHEEOOOH
THERE IS NO TIME FOR WORDS YET IN THE HEARTBEAT BEFORE THEY ARE BOTH FORCED TO FLEE. ANA FEELS CERTAIN THAT SHE WILL MEET THE DEVIL AGAIN
ONCE SHE MIGHT HAVE LOOKED FORWARD TO SUCH A MEETING, BUT HE HAS UNNERVED HER. THE PROSPECT FILLS HER WITH DREAD.


LATER THAT EVENING, IN THE OFFICES OF THE DAILY BUGLE, ALLEGEDLY A NON-SMOKING FACILITY
SOMETHING ABOUT THIS WHOLE PETE DeNYSE THING HAS BEEN EATING AT ME SINCE IT STARTED DORIS HAS BEEN ON ME AGAIN ABOUT STAYING LATE AT THE OFFICE, BUT I CAN'T CONCENTRATE AT HOME
PLUS, I FIGURED YOU'D SHOW UP EVENTUALLY IT'S ABOUT TIME
I'VE HAD MY NOSE TO THE GROUND TRYING TO STOP THESE JAPANESE ART HEISTS BETWEEN THAT AND RAZOR SHARP CRACKING THE WHIP, I HAVEN'T HAD A MOMENT TO BREATHE
AT LEAST I KNOW WHO'S BEHIND THE THEFTS NOW IT'S SOME SECT, SPLINTERED OFF THE HAND CALLED THE MAKOTO. CRAZY THING IS, THEY HAD ME AT A DISADVANTAGE LAST NIGHT AND JUST WALKED AWAY
THEN THIS DeNYSE VERSUS TIMMONS CASE TURNS OUT NOT TO BE AS CUT AND DRY AS RAZOR PROMISED SOMETHING STINKS I JUST HAVE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT
I'M WORKING UP A WHOLE FILE ON THE ILLUSTRIOUS Mr. TIMMONS NOTHING CONCRETE YET, BUT I'LL KEEP WORKING ON IT. DORIS ISN'T GOING TO BE HEY!
LET ME KNOW THE MINUTE YOU FIND SOMETHING
.MY CIGARETTE/
DIDN'T YOUR MOTHER EVER TELL YOU? THOSE THINGS WILL KILL YOU!

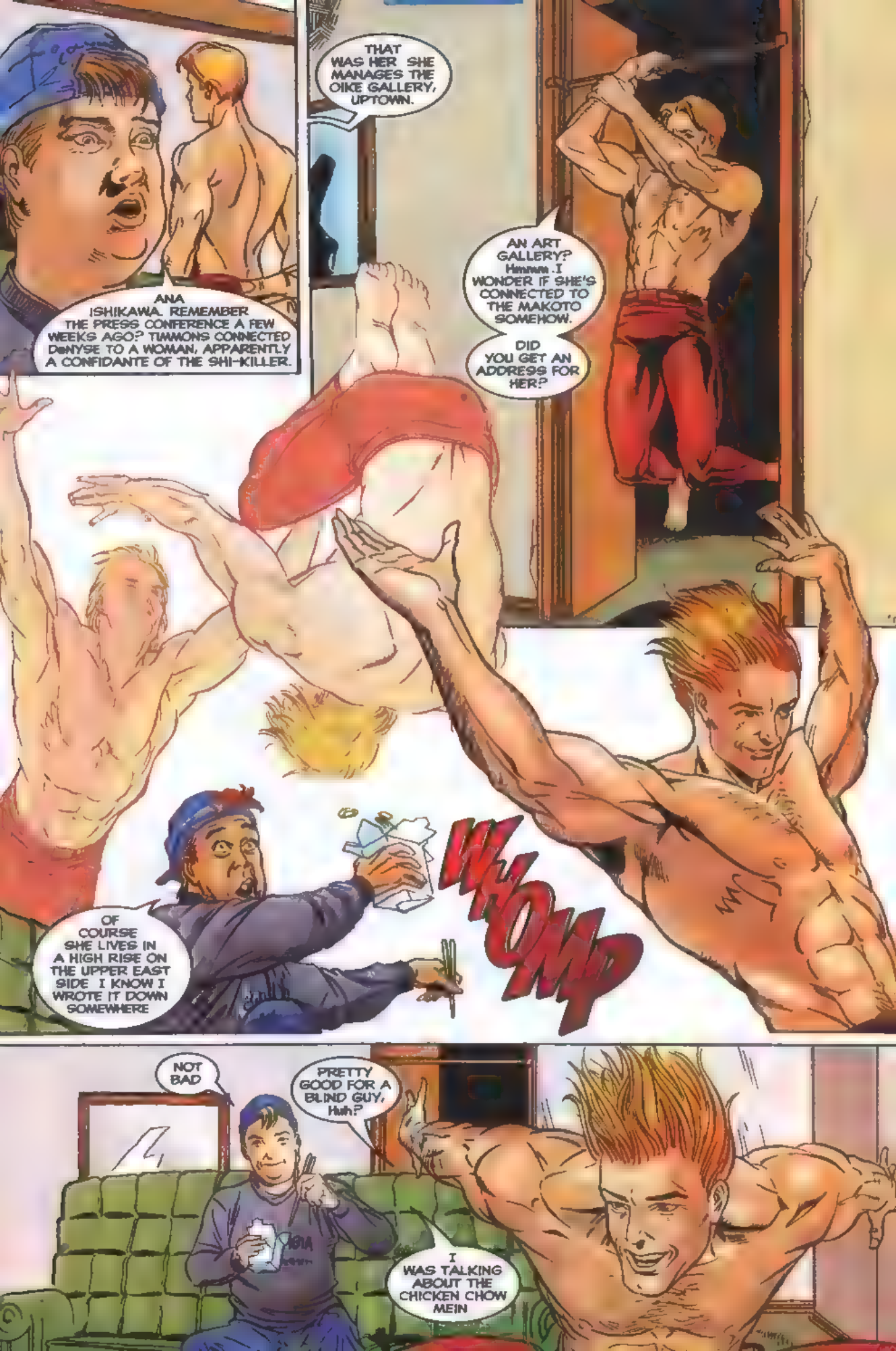
HELL'S KITCHEN.
EVERY DAY FOR MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS, SISTER MAGGIE HAS SERVED THE DESTITUTE OF THIS CITY WITH A KIND HEART AND A FIRM HAND. SHE HAS SACRIFICED MORE THAN SHE WOULD EVER REVEAL.
TODAY SHE IS JOINED IN HER MISSION BY ANOTHER WOMAN WHO HAS LOST MUCH, YET HAS MANAGED TO RETAIN HER INNER PEACE.
IT IS SUCH A PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU HERE, CATHERINE
THE PLEASURE'S ALL MINE, SISTER. YOU DO GOOD WORK HERE, AND I'M PROUD TO BE PART OF IT, EVEN FOR THIS SHORT TIME
THESE WOMEN HAVE MORE IN COMMON THAN EVEN THEY KNOW.
I'M GRATEFUL, BUT PLEASE DON'T ALLOW ME TO TAKE YOU AWAY FROM SPENDING TIME WITH YOUR DAUGHTER. THAT'S WHY YOU CAME TO MANHATTAN, AFTER ALL.
BOTH HAVE LOVED ONES WHO LEAD DANGEROUS PRIVATE LIVES OF WHICH THEY ARE AWARE, BUT NEVER ACKNOWLEDGE.
WHILE MY DAUGHTER IS AT WORK, I BELONG HERE. GOD'S CALL IS NOT SILENCED MERELY BECAUSE I'M AWAY FROM HOME.
SISTER MAGGIE IS CONFIDANTE AND CONFESSOR TO MATT MURDOCK, THE MAN CALLED DAREDEVIL.
CATHERINE'S HUSBAND AND SON WERE MURDERED BUT SHE RETAINS HER MARITAL NAME ISHIKAWA.
SORRY I'M LATE MOTHER

THAT'S ALL RIGHT. WE WERE JUST FINISHING UP HERE. THERE'S SOMEBODY I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET
AS A CHILD, ANA WAS TORN BETWEEN JAPANESE MARTIAL TRADITION AND CHRISTIANITY.
SISTER MAGGIE, THIS IS MY DAUGHTER, ANA THE GIRL WHO WORKS TOO HARD TO HAVE A SOCIAL LIFE
SO NICE TO MEET YOU, DEAR. YOUR MOTHER SPEAKS SO FONDLY OF YOU
IN LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS, SHE FEELS DISCONNECTED FROM BOTH
AS FOR A SOCIAL LIFE, YOU'D BEST DEVELOP ONE BEFORE YOU END UP IN THE CONVENT
SHE CANNOT HELP BUT ENVY THE STRENGTH AND FAITH OF HER MOTHER, AND SISTER MAGGIE.
I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW AFTERNOON
OKAY, BUT AFTER TOMORROW, I'M GOING TO INSIST YOU TWO TAKE OFF A FEW DAYS TO SPEND TOGETHER
CONFUSION IS DANGEROUS. LIKE BLOOD IN THE WATER, IT IS A SIREN SONG FOR PREDATORS

...TODAY, JUSTICE HAS BEEN SERVED AS EXPECTED, FORMER POLICE DETECTIVE PETER DoNYSE HAS LOST THE CIVIL SUIT HE WAS PURSUING AGAINST REVIEW BOARD HEAD Dr STEPHEN TIMMONS
"A DEVASTATING BLOW TO DoNYSE, WHO WILL FACE TRIAL NEXT MONTH ON CORRUPTION AND BRUTALITY CHARGES WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN DROPPED IF HE HAD PREVAILED IN THIS CASE
"THE D.A. IS STILL CONSIDERING MURDER CHARGES."
FROM THE ATTITUDES OF THE REPORTERS GATHERED OUTSIDE, AND THE EXODUS FROM THE COURTHOUSE, BEN URICH KNOWS THAT TIMMONS HAS BEEN ACQUITTED. HIS HEART SINKS
I KNOW I'M TOO LATE, BUT YOU STILL MIGHT WANT TO TAKE A LOOK AT THIS
HAVE YOU EVER MADE A HORRIBLE MISTAKE AND NOT KNOWN HOW TO MAKE IT RIGHT?
FOGGY
BEN
JUST ASKING.

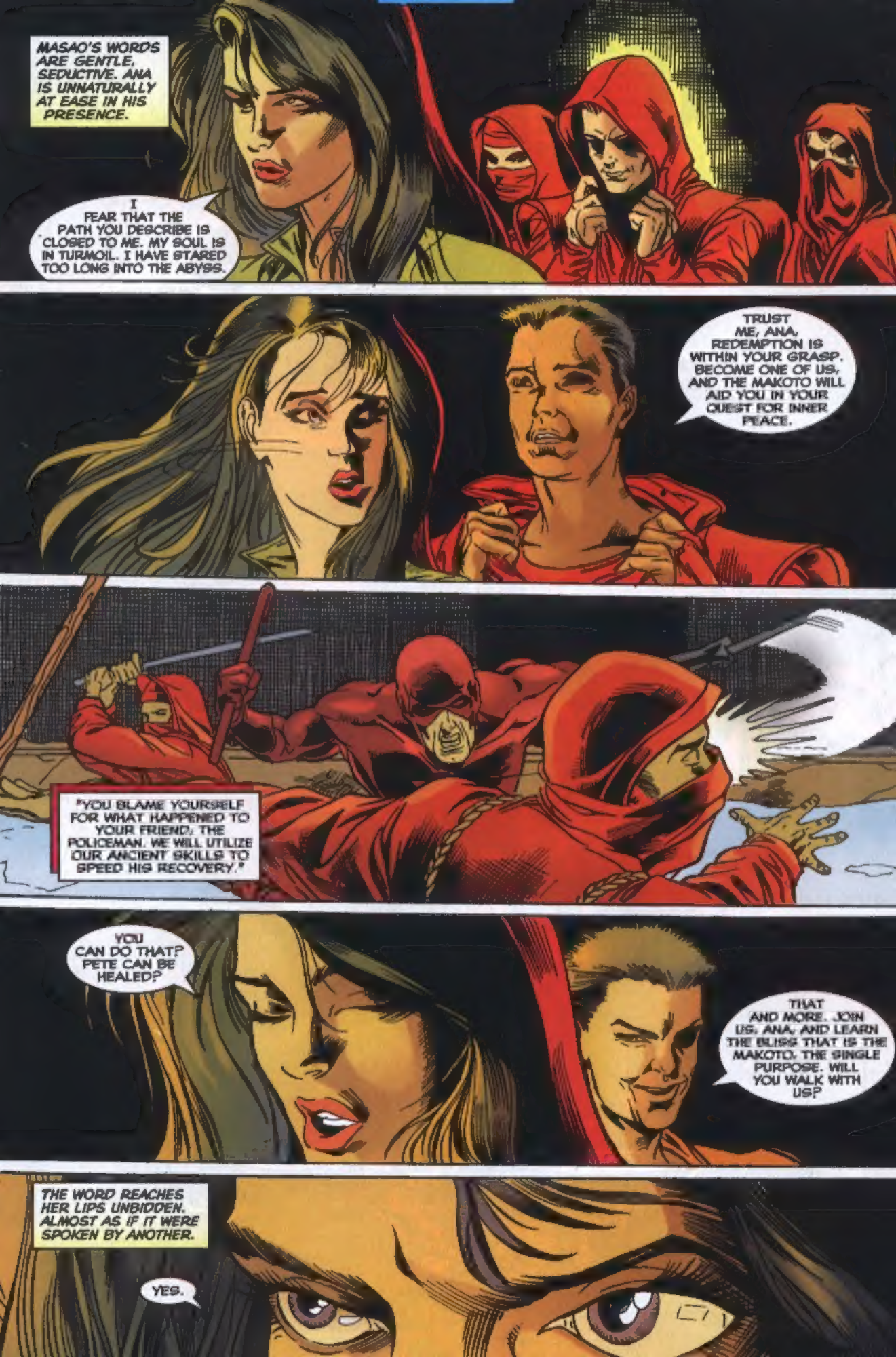
WHY, MATTHEW, WHAT A SURPRISE!
NOT REALLY, SISTER MAGGIE I ALWAYS SHOW UP ON YOUR DOORSTEP WHEN I'M TROUBLED
THINGS ARE GOING SO WELL FOR YOU, MATTHEW YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE, AGAIN WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU BROOD OVER NOW?
HAVE TAINTED THE REPUTATION OF A GOOD MAN, AND SET A CORRUPT ONE FREE HOW CAN I MAKE A LIVING THIS WAY?
MATTHEW, HOW CAN YOU DOUBT YOURSELF? YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN DEDICATED TO JUSTICE, AND TO THE LAW, NO MATTER THAT THEY ARE NOT ALWAYS ONE AND THE SAME
IN MY EARLY YEARS I WAS FACED WITH THE SAME DUALITY HOW TO REMAIN DEDICATED TO GOD WITHIN A CHURCH WHOSE RULINGS I DID NOT ALWAYS AGREE WITH
WE MAY HAVE OPINIONS OF OUR OWN, BUT IT IS THE STRUCTURES AND EDICTS OF HUMAN INSTITUTIONS WHICH WE HAVE EACH VOWED TO FOLLOW
YOU ALWAYS KNOW EXACTLY WHAT TO SAY
IT COMES WITH THE UNIFORM NOW SIT DOWN AND EAT SOMETHING

15 THE APARTMENT OF MATT MURDOCK AND KAREN PAGE.
"WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MATT?"
EVEN CRIMEFIGHTERS NEED TO EXERCISE, COUNSELOR
I FIGHT CRIME, TOO, BUT ALL I WANT IS TO KNOW HOW LONG YOU'VE HAD THIS CHINESE FOOD IN HERE
WELL, I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING TO OCCUPY MY TIME WHILE KAREN'S AWAY.
YOU KNOW, I WAS SURPRISED THAT YOU LET HER GO OUT THERE, AFTER WHAT HAPPENED THE LAST TIME SHE WENT TO L.A.
Oh. SORRY I DIDN'T MEAN.
I DIDN'T LET HER DO ANYTHING. KAREN'S HER OWN WOMAN, FOGGY. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT BY NOW.
WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU FOUND OUT ABOUT THAT WOMAN IN COURT YESTERDAY. I RAN INTO HER ON THE TIMMONS ESTATE LAST NIGHT -- SHE WEARS SOME KIND OF THEATRICAL MAKEUP; VERY SPECIFIC ODOR


ANA ISHIKAWA. REMEMBER THE PRESS CONFERENCE A FEW WEEKS AGO? TIMMONS CONNECTED DeNYSE TO A WOMAN, APPARENTLY A CONFIDANTE OF THE SHI-KILLER.
THAT WAS HER. SHE MANAGES THE OIKE GALLERY, UPTOWN.
AN ART GALLERY? Hmmm. I WONDER IF SHE'S CONNECTED TO THE MAKOTO SOMEHOW.
DID YOU GET AN ADDRESS FOR HER?
WHOMP
OF COURSE SHE LIVES IN A HIGH RISE ON THE UPPER EAST SIDE. I KNOW I WROTE IT DOWN SOMEWHERE
NOT BAD
PRETTY GOOD FOR A BLIND GUY, Huh?
I WAS TALKING ABOUT THE CHICKEN CHOW MEIN

DO NOT FEAR, LITTLE SHI. I HIDE NO SWORD IN MY SMILE. I KNOW YOU HAVE SENSED US, AS WE STUDIED YOU. I AM MASAO
ONCE WE WERE GUIDED BY VENGEANCE, AS WERE YOU. WANTON VIOLENCE WAS OUR PURPOSE, AS WAS YOURS. WE ABANDONED THAT PATH, AS HAVE YOU.
"YET WE HAVE FOUND A NEW PURPOSE, A NEW DESTINY. THE MAKOTO LIVE FOR THE HARMONY OF THE SOUL. WE OFFER TO SHARE OUR PURPOSE WITH YOU."

"TAKE MY HAND ANA, AND WALK WITH US ON THE PATH OF THE MAKOTO."
THERE ARE MANY QUESTIONS IN DAREDEVIL'S MIND, QUESTIONS HE BELIEVES ANA ISHIKAWA MIGHT BE ABLE TO ANSWER.
HE HAS BEEN TO ANA'S APARTMENT AND FOUND HER NOT AT HOME. THE OIKE GALLERY IS THE ONLY OTHER LOGICAL OPTION
HIS ARRIVAL, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN ANTICIPATED.
THE FALSE DEVIL HAS ARRIVED. HE MUST NOT INTERFERE! TAKE HIM!
MY FAVORITE HAND REJECTS! HOW DID I KNOW YOU'D BE HERE?
YOU'RE A FOOL, MURDOCK. WE SHALL SEE HOW INSOLENT YOU ARE WHEN I OFFER THE LAST DROP OF YOUR BLOOD UP TO THE MAKOTO-ON!!
I FAILED TO STOP THE HAND FROM OFFERING ELEKTRA UP TO YOUR DEMONS
I'LL BE DAMNED IF I'LL LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN!
DAMNED? PERHAPS YOU WILL AT THAT


MASAO'S WORDS ARE GENTLE, SEDUCTIVE. ANA IS UNNATURALLY AT EASE IN HIS PRESENCE.
I FEAR THAT THE PATH YOU DESCRIBE IS CLOSED TO ME. MY SOUL IS IN TURMOIL. I HAVE STARED TOO LONG INTO THE ABYSS.
TRUST ME, ANA, REDEMPTION IS WITHIN YOUR GRASP. BECOME ONE OF US, AND THE MAKOTO WILL AID YOU IN YOUR QUEST FOR INNER PEACE.
"YOU BLAME YOURSELF FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FRIEND, THE POLICEMAN. WE WILL UTILIZE OUR ANCIENT SKILLS TO SPEED HIS RECOVERY."
YOU CAN DO THAT? PETE CAN BE HEALED?
THAT AND MORE. JOIN US, ANA, AND LEARN THE BLISS THAT IS THE MAKOTO. THE SINGLE PURPOSE. WILL YOU WALK WITH US?
THE WORD REACHES HER LIPS UNBIDDEN. ALMOST AS IF IT WERE SPOKEN BY ANOTHER.
YES.

A GIFT, SISTER. A TOKEN OF OUR HAPPINESS THAT YOU HAVE JOINED US.
FOR A MOMENT, ANA ALMOST RECOGNIZES THE MEDALLION. SHE THINKS OF THE RECENT GALLERY THEFTS. THEN ITS WARM METAL TOUCHES HER FLESH, AND SHE THINKS OF THEM NO MORE.
A RITUAL OF INITIATION, ANA. ONLY READ FROM THE SCROLL AND YOUR FOOT WILL TOUCH THE PATH.
THE ISHIKAWA WOMAN IS PERFECT. A TRUE WARRIOR, PLAGUED BY DOUBT. HER PURE SOUL IS TAINTED BY GUILT JUST AS HER HANDS ARE STAINED WITH BLOOD.
BLOOD IS THE DOORWAY, DAREDEVIL, AND GUILT THE KEY.
"SHE WILL BE THE VESSEL WHICH THE MAKOTO-ONI WILL INHABIT. THROUGH THIS DARK MADONNA, A NEW BREED OF WARRIOR SHALL BE BORN."
ANA READS THE ANCIENT SCROLL IN SILENCE. THE WORDS THEMSELVES ARE A TRAP, DESIGNED TO MESMERIZE THE READER.
SHE IS ENTRANCED. DANGEROUSLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO OUTSIDE INFLUENCE. SIMPLE PREY FOR AN ANCIENT EVIL.
THE MAKOTO-ONI HAS COME.

CAN'T KEEP A SECRET, CAN YOU? YOU KNOW I HAVE TO STOP YOU.
I TOLD YOU THIS BECAUSE I HOPED KNOWLEDGE OF OUR INTENTIONS WOULD CAUSE YOU PAIN. NOW, YOU MUST BE SUBDUED. YOU ARE TO BE SACRIFICED TO OUR DEMONIC SPONSOR.
I GUESS THAT'S MY CUE TO BRING THE CURTAIN DOWN.
SAY GOODNIGHT, GRACIE.
ANA?
THERE IS SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT HER SCENT. SOMETHING... UNSETTLING.

THE MAKOTO HAVE NEED OF YOUR BLOOD, DEVIL. AND THEY SHALL HAVE IT!
TO BE CONTINUED IN SHI/DAREDEVIL: "HONOR THY MOTHER"